Boeing, Royal Air Maroc Celebrate Arrival of Airline's First 787 Dreamliner

787 to enhance airline's long haul route capability

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Jan. 5, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Royal Air Maroc this weekend celebrated the arrival into Morocco of its first 787 Dreamliner. The airline will be the first carrier in the Mediterranean region to operate the 787.

The airplane, delivered to the airline on Dec. 31, 2014 from Boeing's Everett, Wash. Delivery Center, flew a 4,788 nautical mile (8,867 kilometer) nonstop flight to Royal Air Maroc's home base in Casablanca at Mohammed V International Airport.

"The 787 will provide Royal Air Maroc the capability to grow its long haul network and significantly reduce operating costs, all while offering its customers an unmatched on-board experience," said Van Rex Gallard, vice president of Sales, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "Royal Air Maroc is a valued Boeing customer, and we are delighted to be able to celebrate with the airline as it opens a new chapter in its long and successful history with the operation of the 787. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with Royal Air Maroc as it expands its global long haul fleet."

Passengers traveling on Royal Air Maroc's 787 will experience the passenger-pleasing features of the Dreamliner such as larger, electronically dimmable windows and larger overhead luggage bins. During flight the 787 is pressurized to a lower cabin altitude, has higher humidity levels, advanced air filtration and smoother-ride technology to make the flying experience more comfortable and allow passengers to arrive at their destination more refreshed.

Royal Air Maroc's current fleet includes nearly 50 Boeing airplanes, consisting predominantly of Next-Generation 737s, but also 767-300s, a 747-400 and now it first 787. The Casablanca-based carrier operates a domestic network throughout Morocco and serves more than 50 destinations across Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. Boeing's partnership with Royal Air Maroc dates back more than 40 years.

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